

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of |) | |
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| Kenneth F. Buechler |) | Group Art Unit: 1797 |
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| Application No.: 10/697,351 |) | Examiner: Lyle Alexander |
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| Filed: October 29, 2003 |) | Confirmation No.: 7522 |
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION:

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Sir or Madam:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 9, 2009. This Amendment is accompanied by payment of a three month extension fee, extending the period for response to July 9, 2009. Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination, two Terminal Disclaimers, and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks made herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.